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## NATIONAL GUARDSMEN RECEIVE "FREEDOM SALUTE" AWARDS

**POMONA, Calif.** – There will be a Recognition ceremony for California Army National Guard Soldiers from Echo Company, 540th Main Support Battalion at the American Legion Auditorium, 239 East Holt Avenue Pomona, CA 91767 Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m.

This event honor soldiers who have recently returned from deployments in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Soldiers receiving awards served on active duty in Iraq, Kosovo or Fort Irwin.

The program is designed to publicly acknowledge Army Guard soldiers as well as those family members and employers who supported them during the President's call to duty for recent military operations.

Major General Peter Gravett (ret.) United States Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (D-38), California State Assemblyman Bill Emmerson (R-63), Pomona Mayor Norma J. Torres, and Pomona City Councilman George Hunter will be in attendance.

Media are invited to attend. Contact 2LT Mekor Lee at 818-808-6529 for event details.